

**BY - LAWS**

OF



**R. A. CHAPTER**

Dr. GANESH JOSHI NO. 79  
HUBLI

THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIA



To all and every our Most Excellent, and Loving  
Companions,

WHEREAS OUR TRUSTY AND WELL  
BELOVED COMPANIONS, N. T. Kapadia,  
Dr. P. S. Huilgol, M. R. Bhave, R. M. Desai, V. L. Mankani,  
R. Y. Prabho, G. V. Yavagal, K. A. Desai, K. M. Paikoti,  
N. S. Baitmangalkar, J. V. Shetia, V. K. Naregal,  
R. C. Mohan, R. M. Naik, B. V. Yavagal, A. K. Kale,  
P. V. Puneekar, V. G. Joshi and others have besought us  
to empower them to hold **Royal Arch Chapter** for the  
cultivation of this Grand and Universal Science.

Now we having duly considered the premises,  
do hereby grant unto them this our **Charter of  
Constitution** with full power for them, their Companions  
and successors, to open and hold a CHAPTER of our  
order at Freemason's Hall, Hubli, or at such other place,

and such time as our said Companions and their Successors, shall with the Consent of US and our Successors Grand Officers for the time being, think meet, under the name and Title of : **The Chapter Dr. Ganesh Joshi No. 79.** On the roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, with such Privileges, Powers, and Immunities as do of right belong to regular, established Chapters and Companions of the our said Most Excellent order.

And Further at their petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Companions, WE DO APPOINT the said N. T. Kapadia, to be the First Principal, the said Dr. P.S.Huilgol to be the Second Principal, and the said M. R. Bhawe to be the Third Principal of the Chapter with full power to them and their lawfully appointed successors to admit and exalt Royal Arch Masons according to ancient usages and to perform all acts befitting a Royal Arch Chapter.

Provided always that such acts shall be in conformity in the General Regulations, or ordinances already or to be hereafter, enacted by our **Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.**

Given at New-Delhi under the Seal of our GRAND Royal Chapter this Twenty fifth Day of August 1980 Corresponding to Third Bhadrapada 1902 saka era.

**Sd. H. Rushi**

Grand Scribe ....E

Sd/-

D. P. Madan - Z

A. C. Bannerjee - H

G. P. Tandon - J



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**GANESH JOSHI No. 79**

**HUBLI**

## **PREAMBLE**

We, the Principals and Companions of "Dr. Ganesh Joshi" R. A. Chapter No. 79 are now bringing into force the By-Laws for this Chapter, with a view to preserving harmony, and have therefore thought it proper to establish and subscribe to the following Rules and Regulations.

Date of Charter : 25th August 80, 3rd Bhadra  
pada 1902 Saka Era.  
Date of Consecration : 6th December 1980  
Regular Convocations : Fourth Saturday of February,  
May, August and November  
Place for holding the : Freemasons' Hall, Hubli  
Convocations

## **1. REGULAR CONVOCATIONS**

The Regular Convocations of the Chapters shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Hubli, on **FOURTH SATURDAY** in the months of February, May, August and November and at such time as the Principals may fix from to time.

## **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Principals shall be elected annually by ballot in the month of **AUGUST** and shall be installed and invested at the next Convocation of the Chapter in **NOVEMBER**. The Treasurer shall also be elected by ballot on the same day as the election of the Principals, viz. in **AUGUST** and invested at the next convocation of the Chapter in November.

Companions should empower the Principals elect to appoint the rest of the Officers under R. A. Regulation No. 52.

The Janitor shall be elected by show of hands

## **3. EMERGENT CONVOCATION**

Emergent Convocations may be called by summons of the First Principal or the other two Principals with the concurrence of the First Principal, provided a Dispensation shall first have been granted on good cause shown, by M.E. The Grand Superintendent,

## **PROPOSING CANDIDATES**

Candidates for exaltation and companions desirous of being admitted as members of this Chapter should submit an application in the form approved by

the Supreme Grand Chapter of India and must be duly proposed and seconded by qualified members of the Chapter and such proposition may take place at a regular convocation or by notice in writing transmitted by the proposer to the Scribe E at least fourteen days before the convocation. The proposals shall be placed before the Permanent Committee, for approval, latest at its meeting immediately preceding the meeting at which the ballot is to take place.

The date of proposal of a candidate for exaltation or joining shall be specified in the summons for the meeting at which the ballot is to take place. Three opposing votes or black balls will negative the proposal.

#### 5] **EXALTATION AND JOINING FEES**

The fees to be paid for exaltation including Grand Chapter Certificate and also for Joining will be as follows.

Exaltation Fees :	Rs.1000/-
Joining Fees I. C. :	Rs. 500/-
Joining from other Const.:	Rs. 600/-

#### 6. **MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION**

Every companion shall pay a subscription of Rs. 250/- per annum. The subscription will be paid in advance.

Fees payable to the supreme Grand Chapter and the Regional Grand Chapter will be payable by each member at actual in addition to the above subscription.

- a] If any companion is in arrears of subscription to his Chapter for a year, the Scribe shall advise him of the amount due by him by Registered Post, and if the full amount be not paid within thirty days from the date, he shall be excluded in accordance with Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India read with Reg. 75 of RA Regulations.

If the subscription of the companion to his chapter remains unpaid for two full years, at the expiration of the period, he shall cease to be a member of the Chapter and the fact shall be reported to the Chapter at its next regular convocation and recorded in the minutes.



In either case, he can become a member again, only by payment of the arrears followed by regular proposition and ballot as per Reg. 70 of the R. A. Regulations.

- (b) The Janitor, if he is a Serving Companion, shall be paid such remuneration as may be decided by the Chapter from time to time, for each Convocation of the Chapter. He shall be exempted from payment of subscription.

#### **7. PERMANENT COMMITTEE**

There shall be a Permanent Committee composed of the Three Principals, two Scribes, the Treasurer and the Director of Ceremonies of the Chapter. The duties of the Permanent Committee shall be to consider the applications of Candidates / Companions for Exaltation and Joining, check the accounts of the Chapter and present annually at the Installation Convocation a Report on the working of the Chapter for the previous year and to consider such other matter the Chapter may refer to the Committee.

#### **8. TREASURER AND ACCOUNTS**

The Treasurer with the assistance of the Scribe-E

shall receive all money and settle accounts of the Chapter. An annual Audited Financial Statement of the Chapter shall be drawn up at the close of every year prior to the Installation Convocation. An Audit Committee consisting of two Companions who are not members of Permanent Committee shall scrutinise the Accounts. All money of the Chapter shall be deposited in a Scheduled Bank in the name of the Chapter. The Bank Accounts of the Chapter shall be operated by the Treasurer, and the First Principal or Scribe E.

#### **9. RESIGNATION**

Any Member wishing to resign, must do so in open Chapter or by letter addressed to the Scribe E, when on his dues being fully paid up he shall be furnished with a Clearance Certificate.

#### **10. PROPERTY**

Furniture, Regalia the Chapter and other properties of the Chapter shall be vested in the care of the Three Principals, An Inventory of such property shall be recorded by them in a Book kept for that purpose and such

Inventory shall be presented at the Installation Convocation signed by the Three Principals. The Principals if so desire, may entrust the Properties mentioned above to the Scribe E on their behalf for proper care and custody.

#### 11. BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year, in open Chapter. Every Companion, on becoming a member of the Chapter, shall be presented with a copy of these By-Laws.

No alteration or addition to these By-Laws may be made unless the same is duly proposed and seconded in open Chapter at a Regular Convocation and included in the Agenda for the next Convocation at which the amendment or alteration shall be confirmed and then applied for due approval of M.E. The GrandSuperintendeat M.E. The First Grand Principal.

Adopted at the Consecration and Constitution Convocation held on 6th December 1980.